

JOHN M. AND JANE BELL
THACKER



John M. Thacker was born May 7, 1885, at Heber City, a son of William Timothy and Sarah Tonks Thacker. He married Jane Ann Bell on September 6, 1905. She was born August 26, 1888, at Buysville, daugh-

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ter of William C. and Annie Lenora Bell. John M. died July 3, 1961.

John M. was born in a little log house across the street from the Heber Mercantile store. When he was three years old his parents moved to a farm on Daniels Creek. At 13 years of age he worked for 35c a day and took flour for \$3 a hundred.

When 14, he went to Wyoming with his father to work for his uncle at the sawmill. He received 75c per day and board, thus making enough to buy a small bunch of sheep. At 17 he was back from Wyoming and went to work with his father cutting rock for the bank and other buildings.

Jane Ann Bell was born in a small log cabin and adobe house at Buysville on a ranch her father was clearing to farm. She worked hard at every kind of work on the farm from the time she could remember. After she and John were married, John sold his sheep and left for a mission to the Central States, October 10, 1905, where he spent 26 months, arriving home December 10, 1907.

On January 2, he and Jane went to work for his Uncle Charles Thacker at the sawmill in Strawberry Valley, where they stayed until the end of March. He went west to shear sheep in April and engaged in this work for several years. In 1914 they bought the sawmill from his uncle and sawed lumber for the next 30 years in the summer time.

In 1919, they sold their home in Daniel and moved to Pleasant View where they had a fruit farm. In 1925 they sold this and bought a sawmill and farm in Tabiona where they lived two years. Losing all this they moved back to Daniel, bought a lot and built a home. After several years they moved to Provo and then to Orem where they now live.

They were the parents of 11 children: Murray, Kelsey, Ellis, Piccola, Sarah (a stillborn), Wilson, Dallas, Verona, Nora Bell and Leona. *960*

JOHN AND ELIZA ANN
WINTERTON THACKER

John Thacker was born June 7, 1867, at Smithfield, Cache County, Utah, a son of William and Rachel Tonks Thacker. He married Eliza Ann Winterton on December 19, 1894, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born October 9, 1872, at Charleston, Utah, daughter of William and Ellen Widdison Winterton. John died February 23, 1951, at Daniel. Eliza died January 12, 1960.

John Thacker, with his parents, moved from Smithfield to Peoa and later to Heber, then to Buysville.

John always said when he married he wanted to take his bride to a home of their own. This he did. It was a two-room red brick house. He also owned a small farm and a good team of horses. They have lived in the same house all their married life, adding on to it several times.

They were industrious, honest, friendly, charitable and hospitable. They always encouraged their children to take an active part in Church work and other activities.

John made a living by farming, raising a few cattle and in the earlier days by team work and hauling lumber from sawmills. He

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was a jack of all trades — did a little carpenter work, including barn building, blacksmithing, etc. He made playthings for his children, such as sleighs, cupboards, tables, etc. For many years he repaired the family shoes. He loved children and enjoyed playing with them.

Often in the evening he would take the old banjo down from the wall and sing as he played.

John and Eliza were both active in the Church and community. He helped build roads, canals, the electric light line to Daniel, the culinary water system and the ward amusement hall.

Eliza was especially active in Relief Society for many years, helping with the sick, making burial clothing and ward teaching. She served as a counselor a number of years. John served as superintendent of the Sunday School and was a High Priest.

Their son Ralph A. served a mission to Samoa. Irwin also served a mission. Their son Fay is bishop at Castle Gate and Horton served in the bishopric at Daniel with Bishop Dean Bethers.

John and Eliza worked hard all their lives to provide for their growing family and were good managers.

Their golden wedding was celebrated December 17, 1944.

Their children are: Ralph A., Nellie, Chloe, Fay, Irwin, Thora, Aurtance, Horton, Afton, Weston.

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